



Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the period April 2020 to March 2021
1st Wotton under Edge Scout Group



Section A - Reference and administration details

Charity Name: 1st Wotton under Edge Scout Group

Head Quarters: Conygres,
Old London Road
Wotton under Edge
Gloucestershire
GL12 7EA

Charity Number: 302128

Scout Association Number: 17585

Charity Principal Address: Holmleigh Farm
Bradley
Wotton under Edge
Gloucestershire
GL12 7PW

Trustees and members of the Group Executive as at April 2021;

Elected members:	Mark Batchelor	Chair
	Alastair Hoyle	Treasurer
	Kerry Jobson	Secretary
	Alison Lidbetter	Kingfisher Cubs Parent Rep/Admin
	Clare Tremlett	Pathfinder Scouts Parent Rep/Admin

Ex-officio members:	Seb Braun	Group Scout Leader
	Ian Jess	Pathfinder Scouts
	Gina Moullec	Pioneer Scouts
	David Knight	Heron Cubs
	Will Barnett	Kingfisher Cubs
	Seb Braun	Beavers

Co-opted members:	Phil Moss	Quartermaster
	Natalie Forsythe	Group Administrator
	Jazz Sennitt	Fundraising
	Nick Watt	Waiting List Administrator

Advisers:	Paul Clarke	Accounts independent examiner
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Section B - Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

The 1st Wotton Under Edge Scout Group's (The Group) governing documents are those of The Scout Association (TSA). They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under the TSA rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR and The Group Constitution.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Group which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Executive consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual Section Leaders and Parent's Representation. The Executive meets every three months.

The Executive exists to support the Group Scout Leader, in meeting his/her responsibilities and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk Management and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members
- Reduced income from fund raising
- Reduction or loss of leaders.
- Reduction or loss of members.

Buildings Property and Equipment

The Group owns and manages Conygres which is our headquarters. This building and land are 'free hold' and are held in Trust by The Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC) which is a



Custodian Trustee for the Group. Conygres is used to hold regular meetings and used to store equipment and consumables.

The Group also owns and manages The John Harding Memorial Hut on Gloucester Street in Wotton under Edge. This is currently vacant and will be sold subject to contract. The disposal of the Hut was approved through a motion at the 2020/21 AGM.

The Group owns an extensive inventory of activity equipment including but not limited too;

- Archery Equipment
- Air rifles
- Camping and Cooking Equipment
- Box trailer
- Canoes

The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Group Finances

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

In addition to the operational reserve the Group also hold funds in a savings account which is allocated to the development of the Conygres site. At this time the Group is continuing to raise the necessary level of funds to complete the capital works project.

The Group has in place systems of internal financial controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all cheque payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Administration and Leadership

The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group would occur.

The Sections of the group are structured as follows:

- Beaver Scout Colony
- Heron Cub Scout Pack
- Kingfisher Cub Scout Pack
- Pioneer Scout Troop
- Pathfinder Scout Troop



The Group through, capitation fees (£52.50 per member this year) contributes to TSA's national accident insurance policy. This provides insurance cover for all members of the Group. In addition the Group also holds a Third Party insurance policy to cover helpers and volunteers whom are non TSA members. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Membership

The Group provides activities for young people aged 6 to 14. Currently group membership is made up of 87 youngsters, 5 young leaders and 24 volunteers which is slightly down on last year in terms of overall numbers.

If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group would occur.

The Group operates a waiting list system for parents to register children wishing to join the Group. Currently the waiting list includes over 120 children of varying ages (60 of which are aged 6 or more). Accordingly, there are approximately 60 children at or above joining age who are currently unable to do so, as there are no spaces available in the various sections.

Position on the waiting list is determined by length of time since registration which can be made following a child's fourth birthday. In exceptional circumstances children of parents/guardians whom take up a substantive role within the group such as a leader or member of the Executive Committee are given priority on the waiting list based on demonstrating an agreed level of commitment.

Section C - Objectives and Activities

The objectives of The Group are aligned with those of TSA, which are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. Thus empowering our young people to make a positive contribution to society.

As members of the TSA, the Group and all its members are guided by the values of Scouting which are:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together on a program of activities based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Each Section set and delivered its own reduced but diverse program of activities for its members for the financial year of 2020/21. This program continued to be adapted and reduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic and changing requirements and guidance defined by central government and TSA. This meant that although face to face scouting activities were able to go ahead these were conducted outside.

In addition to the program of activities completed during this financial year and meeting the objectives of the TSA, The Leaders and Executive set the following specific objectives for the Group. Our success in all our objectives is described in the following sections of this report;

- Provide opportunities for nights away for all members
- Participate in regional scouting based events and completions
- Participate in national events such as St Georges day and Remembrance Day
- Hold local events to raise funds
- Sell the Scout Hut
- Develop and pursue a funding strategy to facilitate the Conygres development
- Improve our website to provide more information for parents
- Increase income from Conygres bookings

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D - Achievements and Performance

Chairman's Report

This year has been extremely difficult for all of us in terms of meeting friends, family and colleagues at home, work and in social settings. Despite this, the Leadership team has still managed to provide a weekly program of outdoor activities for all ages at Conygres. On behalf of all the members, parents and guardians, the Group Executive would like to thank the **Volunteer** Leaders, Young Leaders and Helpers of all Sections for doing everything they could to keep scouting active during these difficult times.

Recruitment of Helpers and Leaders continues to be the main challenge for the Group. We have said goodbye to a small number of volunteers and friends from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and we thank them all. It was only through their time and commitment that the sections could continue to offer the amazing programs of activity. In particular our thanks go to Will Barnett (Rocky) who has been a Leader at Kingfisher Cubs for over 8 years.



Just as we lose volunteers, we have gained new support in the form of helpers, leaders and executive members. This success is mainly due to the unfaltering efforts of our new Group Scout Leader Seb Braun. Although Seb has been involved in running our very successful Beaver colony for many years he has now also taken the reins as Group Scout Leader. Although a very important role for the Group, this has been vacant for some years. In the short time he has been GSL, Seb's enthusiasm and passion for scouting has provided the Group with a renewed energy and greater cohesion as a Scout Group. Thus we emerge from Covid with a strong Leadership team and an exciting vision of Scouting in Wotton for the future.

Despite this success in recruiting volunteers we still need parents to get involved as representatives in the executive committee, to provide parent input to the running of the group and also help make key decisions. Equally without a steady stream of new volunteers some sections may only be able to continue with a Parent rota or consolidation. It is vital that all parents get involved in some shape or form. If parents cannot commit to a regular role, just an hour helping at a fund raising event will go a long way to help us achieve our goals and provide the exciting programs our children enjoy.

Growing our sections and welcoming youngsters from the **waiting list** continues to be a key objective for the Group. We hope that once we have built our new hall at Conygres, the extra space will allow us to increase the numbers of children in each section.



Due to the reduced level of activities we have not spent any sizable funds on activity equipment this year. Instead spending has been focused on consumables and equipment to facilitate outdoor meetings, including sanitizing equipment, and outdoor lighting. Our time served Gazebo (party tent) which has remained pitched for over 18 months in the courtyard allowing us to hold outdoor meetings in the worst weather conditions has succumbed to the elements and will now need replacing. As we ramp up camping we also expect to replace a number of worn-out tents.

Sale of the **John Harding Memorial Hut** in Wotton town is still ongoing but we are hopeful the sale will complete during October/November 2021. The proceeds from the sale will be invested in a savings account until such time that we have sufficient funds to start the new hall at Conygres. Completing the development works at Conygres is the main focus for the Executive committee including on-going minor improvements. This year we have completed the car park and lighting which has been well received by all users including campers. I am confident that this significant investment will help us to ensure that Conygres is as safe as it can be for our children and is used as much as possible throughout the year.

Our own **fund raising** activities were again very successful with a number of Conygres Teas raising over £1,000. We hope to make this a regular monthly event in 2022. In addition to this income we have made funding applications to a number of organisations and I am pleased to be able to report that we have received £500 from the Wotton Lions (for new doors), £3,000 from Stroud District Council (for the car park lighting), £1,000 from Arnold Clark, £10,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation and £10,000 from the Bernard Sunley Trust. Along with our existing savings and the proceeds from the sale of the hut we are well on our way to raising the necessary funds to build our new hall at Conygres.



Recognising that the new hall when complete will greatly increase the indoor space and modernise the facilities, we are looking for partners to help us develop it and potential regular users within the local community who could use the facility. This will allow us to leverage the most potential from the site as whole. The **hire** of Conygres to local organisations, charities and other Scout Groups continues to provide a **source of income** for the Group although due to Covid this has significantly reduced this financial year.

Our updated **website** now includes information pages and a calendar for parents to reference and is providing a very successful booking facility for Conygres. www.wottonscoutgroup.co.uk.



Annual Subscriptions were held at £12 during 2020/21 and as per 2019/20 we also reduced the rate for a period of time after Christmas 2021. This has impacted our income but not significantly as we did receive Covid grants from SDC. Now that normal meetings have returned, we do not plan to change the normal subs rate of £12 per month in this coming financial year.

The Leaders and Group Executive look forward to an exciting and challenging year in Scouting and thank all Parents and Carers for your ongoing support. Now that we have returned to regular face to face meetings and we can again hold indoor activities, we optimistically look ahead to Autumn 2021. We hope that in early 2022 we can commence the building works for the new hall at Conygres as we close the doors at the John Harding Memorial Hut for the last time, the home of Scouting in Wotton for more than 65 years .

Mark Batchelor

Beaver Scout Colony Report

The year 2020-21 will be of course remembered as a very challenging one indeed, no exception from a Beaver Scout perspective.

Thanks to the Scout association's website and some determination, we delivered a varied programme on Zoom during the second lockdown.

We were relieved to meet again face to face back at our beloved Conygres site during Spring 21.

The Beavers enjoyed many campfires, hikes, den making and bicarbonate fuelled rockets!

We welcomed Nicky McGrath Pam Eastman and Claire Howe in our leadership team.

Chris Ward has moved to the Pioneer Scout troop.

We are looking forward to a new year of Beavers whatever the conditions, we are prepared!

Seb Braun



Heron and Kingfisher Cub Pack Report

2020 / 2021 has been an unusual year for everyone. However, Heron Cub leaders have continued to offer a varied program for our Cubs. Initially meeting over Zoom during the lock down and then meeting outdoors 'face to face' at Conygres when it was considered safe to do so.



Heron and Kingfisher Cub packs joined together for the weekly Zoom meetings and these were well attended. Whilst very different to our normal meetings, we all enjoyed a variety of games and quiz's including Steve the Pirate's Space quiz and learning about different flags and signalling.



The talent show was particularly good with the Cubs demonstrating everything from magic tricks to Tae-Kwon-Do moves. We even learnt some sign language which helped many cubs achieve their disability badge.

When the restrictions were relaxed, we had a very interesting tour of the SARA lifeboat station and went indoor climbing at Gloucester.

The usual peace and quiet of sleepy Coombe was disturbed for one evening as the cubs participated in their annual duck race. With most Cubs going home with soggy socks!

It has been great to be back at Conygres where we have been able to run a more varied and involved program doing activities such as backwoods cooking and making wild flower bombs. We are already planning lots of new activities and badges that we can work towards which weren't possible during the period of strict restrictions.

Over the past few months, we have welcomed a new leader, Rosie-Mai. It is great to have Rosie as a part of Heron Cub pack and I'm sure she will bring many new ideas. With the continued leadership, planning and help of Steph and Mark the Heron programme for 2021/22 looks very exciting.

David Knight



Pathfinder Scout Troop Report

Pathfinders ran several successful zoom sessions during the red level (non face to face) Scouting and glad to be back to face to face sessions. Pathfinders awarded Three Chief Scout's Gold Awards (the highest achievement in the Scout section). Congratulations to Freddie Hinks, Aled Archer & Fred Hoyle.

We have been carrying out a lot of teamwork, world and outdoor challenge tasks, including hikes, pioneering and we have covered a lot of the basic scouting skills (Knot work, fire lighting, knife and axe use, tent/camp setup duties) and we also had a 2 night summer camp @ Conyngres this July. We have even managed to have a trip to our local climbing centre recently and we are also offering paintballing to those who wish to join during October half term.

We have said goodbye to several older scouts now but have introduced new scouts from the waiting list and movements from Cubs, we currently have 27 scouts and we are going to be happy to welcome back 3 young leaders. We have a new assistant leader, Nathan. He has blended into our troop without any problems and is a valuable member of our team now!

Ian Jess

Pioneer Scouts Report

Despite another disrupted year in 2020-21, Pioneer awarded ten Chief Scout's Gold Awards (the highest achievement in the Scout section). Congratulations to James Sainsbury, Scott Patterson, Eleanor Moullec, Charlie Pattison, Ewan Sofocleous, Joseph Gani, Jenny Murray, Anya Prouse, Harry Cloutter and Harry Elliott. Thank you to Gina Moullec for all she did to enable this, particularly all the hard work of organising the expedition last September.

In spite of the pandemic we managed a full year of Scouting, reverting back to Zoom meetings during lockdown in spring. Highlights of the year include our Bake Off competition where some truly amazing cakes were created; pioneering catapults & sponge fights; fire lighting & cooking sausages; and a survival camp in July where we finally actually slept out under the stars!

We waved a sad goodbye to Gina as Scout Leader last term, but Eleanor continues as Young Leader, Jenny has stepped up as Leader and we are happy to welcome Chris Ward as Assistant Scout Leader.

Jenny Emerson



Section E - Financial review

Reserves Policy

Our policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive considers that the Group (excluding unit funds and subscription costs) should hold a sum equivalent to the annual running costs, circa £5500.

The Group held reserves of approximately £24,937 at year end (slightly down from last year following completion of the car park) of which £5,400 is held across the Section accounts. The remaining balance (in the Conygres account and Conygres New Hall account) will be held for investment in ongoing improvement activities and the proposed new building at Conygres respectively.

Investment Policy

The Group now has significant funds held in reserve for the Conygres development works and has opted to deposit this in a savings account rather than longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Annual Accounts

The following pages include the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

TRUSTEES: Ex-officio

Group Scout Leader	S Braun
Group Chairman	M Batchelor
Group Treasurer	A Hoyle
Group Secretary	K Jobson
Beaver Cub Leader	S Braun
Cub Scout Leader - Kingfishers	W Barnett
Cub Scout Leader - Herons	D Knight
Scout Leader - Pathfinders	I Jess
Scout Leader - Pioneers	G Moullec
Scout Association Number	17585
Charity Registration Number	302128
Charity Principal Address	Scout Hut Gloucester Street Wotton-Under-Edge Gloucestershire GL12 7DN

Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

1: Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions Received	8,466.00	14,652.00
Less: Payment collection costs	-260.83	-427.00
Less: Payments to sections	-1,355.00	-6,315.00
Less: District capitation	-4,410.00	-4,320.00
	<u>2,440.17</u>	<u>3,590.00</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
National Savings interest	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS		
Donation	0.00	615.78
Grant for work on Conygres	3,250.00	0.00
	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>615.78</u>
RENTAL INCOME RECEIVED		
Rent of hut (Rainbows / Brownies)	0.00	240.00
Rent of Conygres	648.50	3,038.00
	<u>648.50</u>	<u>3,278.00</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Family camp / AGM	0.00	336.85
Miscellaneous	0.00	10.00
Fund raising	0.00	564.90
Trailer hire	0.00	20.00
Gift Aid 2016-17	0.00	2,821.04
Gift Aid 2017-18	0.00	2,496.14
Gift Aid 2018-19	2,756.11	0.00
Gift Aid 2019-20	2,995.07	0.00
Covid-19 Grants	19,669.21	0.00
	<u>25,420.39</u>	<u>6,248.93</u>
Total receipts for the year	<u>31,759.06</u>	<u>13,732.71</u>

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2: Payments for the year ended 31 March 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
PURCHASES		
Equipment	87.96	585.60
	<u>87.96</u>	<u>585.60</u>
OTHER EXPENSES		
Insurance	126.40	106.40
Course fees	0.00	0.00
Presentation gifts	5.00	67.78
Organisational costs (Web site)	37.36	689.28
OSM costs	211.50	273.73
Remembrance day wreath	30.00	25.00
Family camp / AGM	0.00	672.51
Events	60.00	57.68
Neckers, hoodies, badges	122.40	582.30
Grant Applications	0.00	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	59.46	88.81
Hut sale costs	630.00	0.00
	<u>1,282.12</u>	<u>4,363.49</u>
HUT		
Insurance	756.00	756.00
Electricity	0.00	653.18
Water	111.10	95.47
Hut maintenance	0.00	83.19
Hut cleaning	0.00	157.50
Miscellaneous	0.00	60.00
	<u>867.10</u>	<u>1,805.34</u>
CONYGRES		
Insurance	755.99	756.00
Electricity	526.25	674.65
Water	240.09	165.05
Maintenance	510.09	567.67
Ground maintenance	288.00	576.00
New car park	26,481.00	0.00
Development & Planning	0.00	106.56
Cleaning	131.30	67.50
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	<u>28,932.72</u>	<u>2,913.43</u>
Total payments for the year	<u>31,169.90</u>	<u>9,667.86</u>

Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

Unaudited statement of financial activity for the year ended 31 March 2021

		2021	2020
Scout Group Accounts	Note	£	£
Total receipts for the year	1	31,759.06	13,732.71
Less: Total payments for the year	2	-31,169.90	-9,667.86
Net receipts (payments) for the year		589.16	4,064.85
Reserves brought forward		19,416.73	15,351.88
Transfer from sections		0.00	0.00
Transfer to sections		-500.00	0.00
Reserves carried forward (Scout Group)		19,505.89	19,416.73
Beavers, Cubs and Scout Section Accounts			
RECEIPTS PER SECTION			
Beavers		£490.00	£1,485.00
Kingfisher Cubs		£390.00	£1,655.22
Heron Cubs		£500.00	£3,139.96
Pathfinder Scouts		£270.00	£5,829.37
Pioneer Scouts		£665.00	£1,667.00
Total receipts for the year		2,315.00	13,776.55
PAYMENTS PER SECTION			
Beavers		£659.18	£1,182.63
Kingfisher Cubs		£390.34	£1,010.55
Heron Cubs		£2,196.61	£2,172.84
Pathfinder Scouts		£693.92	£6,624.82
Pioneer Scouts		£1,006.05	£1,602.61
Total payments for the year		£4,946.10	£12,593.45
Total receipts for the year		2,315.00	13,776.55
Less: Total payments for the year		-4,946.10	-12,593.45
Net receipts (payments) for the year		-2,631.10	1,183.10
Reserves brought forward		8,062.99	6,879.89
Reserves carried forward (Section Accounts)		5,431.89	8,062.99
Total reserves carried forward		24,937.78	27,479.72

Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

Unaudited Statement of Financial Position at 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Group Accounts		
Group account	6,791.47	3,930.52
Subs account	4,169.40	4,940.73
Conygres new hall account	4,915.77	8,439.25
Conygres account	3,809.25	2,106.23
	<u>19,685.89</u>	<u>19,416.73</u>
Beavers, Cubs and Scout Section Accounts		
Beavers	481.94	651.12
Kingfisher cubs	2,123.50	2,123.84
Heron cubs	1,214.93	2,911.54
Pathfinder scouts	942.06	1,365.98
Pioneer scouts	669.46	1,010.51
	<u>5,431.89</u>	<u>8,062.99</u>
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
LIABILITIES		
Conygres advance bookings	180.00	0.00
	<u>180.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total assets	<u>24,937.78</u>	<u>27,479.72</u>
Funds – Unrestricted	<u>24,937.78</u>	<u>27,479.72</u>

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 10 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


A HOYLE

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group (C1-5) for the Year ended 31 March 2021

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
 have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name *PAUL CLARKE FCA*

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Date *23.09.21*



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Section F - Plans for future period

Looking ahead, each Section has under TSA guidance undertaken risk assessments with the aim to continue face to face scouting. Our objective will be to wherever possible provide a diverse program of activities throughout the forthcoming year (2021/22) to the extent that Covid-19 guidance from central government and TSA permits. In addition to the Section programs, the Group plans to undertake the following specific activities;

- Seek and secure funding for the Conygres development
- Complete the sale of the Hut in Wotton Town
- Increase income from Conygres bookings
- Undertake improvements at Conygres (new doors)
- Start the second stage of development of Conygres which includes the new hall
- Purchase new equipment when required
- Participate in national scouting events such as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)
- Provide nights away for all members
- Participate in local events such as Remembrance

We will continue to try to **recruit new volunteer Helpers and Leaders**. In particular we need to fill roles of Leaders in all sections. Our fund-raising activities will increase from previous years, with a number of specific funding sources being considered. We will also try to run a regular 'Conygres Teas' and other events such as Bag Packing. We would ask that Parents help as much as possible with these events when the time comes.

In line with the objectives of The Scout Association, The Group will continue to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. We will achieve this by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. This is reflected in the programs set and managed by the Leaders of each Section and the Group as a whole.



Section G – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and present this for agreement by the Group Scout Council at the 2020/21 AGM held on 29th September 2021.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name: Seb Braun

Position: Group Scout Leader

Full name: Mark Batchelor

Position: Group Chairman